GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TERRORISM IN PUNJAB
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Babbar Khalsa International is trying to revive terrorism in Punjab and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether police of some States and other security agencies have formulated the strategy to check the activities of Babbar Khalsa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (d): Interrogation of several Punjab militants who have been arrested from Punjab and other parts of the country in recent years indicates that Pakistan based top ranking Punjab militants of terrorist outfits like Babbar Khalsa International are under tremendous pressure from the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) of Pakistan for carrying out terrorist strikes in Punjab and neighbouring States. The Investigation of some recent terrorist incidents in Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Delhi have revealed the involvement of Punjab militants belonging to various terrorist outfits. Apprehension of some Babbar Khalsa militants has also exposed their nefarious designs to target VIPs. Central and State Security agencies are working in a coordinated manner to neutralise terrorist conspiracies and as a result of intelligence based operations, there have been many significant successes in neutralisation of terrorist modules with the arrests of militants and recovery of arms and explosives as well as working out of several terrorist crimes. Vigilance along the Pakistan border has also been enhanced to check infiltration and other subversive activities.